Intrtoduction of super fast train between Delhi and Guwahati

1824. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a Super-Fast train (like Rajdhani) between New Delhi and Guwahati to meet the heavy rush from the entire North Eastern Region in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the State capitals are connected with Rajdhani Express; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether State Governments have demanded to introduce Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati; and

(e) by when it is likely to be introduce and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Only Howrah, Patna, Bombay, Bhopal, Secunderabad, Bangalore and Madras are connected with Delhi by Rajdhani Express.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Lack of resources as well as operational constraints.

भावनगर रेलवे स्टेशन को बम्बई और मेहसाना-जयपुर स्टेशनों से जोड़ा जाना

1825. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:**
श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नई बड़ी लाइन बिछाकर सौराष्ट्र में भावनगर रेलवे स्टेशन को बम्बई और मेहसाना-जयपुर स्टेशनों के साथ जोड़ने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उक्त रेलवे लाइन बिछाये जाने पर अनुमानतः कितनी लागत आएगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के॰ सी॰ लेंका): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) भावनगर और तारापुर के बीच बड़ी लाइन के लिए 1977 में किए गए सर्वेक्षण का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:—

(1) लम्बाई — 149.82 कि॰मी॰

(2) लागत — 33.65 करोड़ रुपये

(3) प्रतिफल की दर — ऋणात्मक

प्रतिफल की ऋणात्मक दर को ध्यान में रखते हुए परियोजना को शुरू नहीं किया गया।

Surplus land of railway of Jamnagar and Surendranagar cities

1826. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have insisted for prevailing market price for surplus land of the Railway of Jamnagar and Surendranagar cities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for claiming market value when the lands in question had been allotted to the Railways free of cost at the time of Princely States;

(c) whether Government intend to solve this problem by agreeing to part with the land either free of cost or on nominal rate; and

(d) whether Government intend to solve this longstanding problem at an earliest date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the extant rules do not permit the relinquishment of surplus railway land other than on realisation of the current market value of the land.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. However, this depends on the State Government's acceptance of the conditions for relinquishment of railway land.

Distance between Erode Junction and Ernakulam Junction

1827. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total distance between the Erode Junction and Ernakulam Junction;

(b) how much funds were allotted for electrification of this line;

(c) out of which, how much has been spent so far;

(d) out of the total work, how much work has since been completed; and

(e) by when the line is likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 312 kms.

(b) An allotment of 16 crores has been made for Electrification of this line during 1993-94 against the estimated cost of Rs. 167.76 crores.

(c) Rs. 7.81 crores upto Nov. 1993.

(d) System designs have been finalised. Tenders for overhead equipment have been opened. Power supply arrangements have been taken up with State Electricity Boards.

(e) March, 1997, subject to availability of resources.

Electrification of Railway Tracks

1828. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway-tracks in Northern Railways which are proposed to be electrified;

(b) whether there is any proposal of electrification of Delhi-Amritsar Railway line;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) (i) Delhi-Ambala-Ludhiana

(ii) Ambala-Saharanpur-Moradabad

(iii) Khurja Jn.-Khurja City

(iv) Hathras Jn.-Hathras Kila

(b) Only Delhi-Ludhiana portion.

(c) Electrification upto Ludhiana is planned for completion by March, 97, subject to availability of resources.

(d) Due to constraint of resources, there is, at present, no proposal to extend electrification beyond Ludhiana to Amritsar.

Allotment of contracts in South Central Railways

1829. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many contracts of various nature have been allotted in South Central Railways and Konkan Railways on nomination without inviting tenders; during the last three years;

(b) what is the value of these tenders, and the names of the contractors; and

(c) the reasons for allotment of these contracts with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.